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APPLICATION NO. ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. CONFIRMATION XO. FIRST NAMED INVENTOR **FILING DATE** 202-1362 10/656,271 09/05/2003 Per Persson 7145 28415 09/09/2004 **EXAMINER** 7590 PRICE, HENEVELD, COOPER, DEWITT & LITTON, LLP ARGENBRIGHT, TONY MICHAEL 695 KENMOOR S.E. **ART UNIT** PAPER NUMBER P. O. BOX 2567 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49501-2567 3747

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Office Action Summary		10/656,271	PERSSON ET AL.	
		Examiner	Art Unit	
		T. M. Argenbright	3747	
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Status				
1)	Responsive to communication(s) filed on	<u>_</u> .		
2a) <u></u> □	This action is FINAL . 2b)⊠ This	action is non-final.		
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.			
Disposition of Claims				
5)⊠ 6)⊠ 7)□	Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. Claim(s) 1-4 and 8-19 is/are allowed. Claim(s) 5-7 is/are rejected. Claim(s) is/are objected to. Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.			
Applicat	ion Papers			
 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on <u>05 September 2003</u> is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152. 				
Priority (under 35 U.S.C. § 119			
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 				
Attachment(s) 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6) Other:				

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.121(d)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the legal term "comprising" is used in line 1. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: In paragraph [0018], line 11, the underlining should be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 5, there is no antecedent for "the first predetermined value" or "the second predetermined value".

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In claim 7, there is no antecedent for "the third predetermined value" or "the fourth predetermined value".

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 1-4 and 8-19 are allowed.

Conclusion

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

The speed control system made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to T. M. Argenbright whose telephone number is 703-308-1955. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30am-3:00pm and alt. Fridays 6:30am-2:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Yuen can be reached on 703-308-1946. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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